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Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Bullock, of New York State, the only clergyman in the world to command a battalion of troops, was recently in London, where, without donning his khaki, he preached in a Unitarian church. He is in command of one of the American Legion battalions raised in Canada. Altogether there are five battalions of American citizens raised in Canada and attached to the Canadian forces. In the first, 825 men recruited and twenty-five of the forty-eight States in the Union were represented.

In answer to a question why he, an American Minister, had joined the British army as a combatant, the Colonel said:— "I hold it is wrong to tell another man to go out and shoot without you go and do likewise. The men I have the privilege of commanding, and more, came voluntarily. They realized, as I did, that this was a war of principles, not of nations, and that the United States was affected by the outcome just as much as the allied nations."

"It was a question whether the mailed fist should rule civilization or whether the principles of the Man whose fate were nailed to the Cross should prevail. But the sinking of the 'Lusitania' was the casting of the die. Then I announced I had joined my flag, that I never again should be harassed by the breeze until the country which had been so long my home had declared itself against such a damnable outrage."

"I then took a commission and a combatant rank and helped to raise a battalion of Americans to fight. That one battalion grew into eight," added the Colonel with a satisfied smile. "In America," he continued, "there is a ubiquitous sign, 'Safety first.' There is no more ignoble cry unless it may be 'Too proud to fight,' so honour comes before safety. Righteousness and justice take precedence when it comes to a question of pride and fighting."

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Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.  
Rate of subscription to "China Mail" is \$6 per annum; per quarter and per month "pro rata".

The "China Mail" is delivered free to subscribers in Hongkong and Kowloon.  
Postage is charged at the rate of fifty cents per month.

Orders for extra copies of the "China Mail" should be sent as soon as possible as the supply is limited. Each 10 cts., Credit 50 cts., per copy.  
Rate of subscription to the "Overland China Mail" is \$12 per annum; postage \$1 per annum extra. Single copies twenty cents each.

Advertisements and additions to advertisements on pages 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 should be sent to the Office No. 2, Wyndham Street, not later than 11.30 a.m.  
Alterations and additions to advertisements on pages 6, 7, 8 and 9 should be sent as not later than 1 p.m.  
New advertisements should be sent in before 2 p.m.

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ANY EUROPEAN, Non ASIATIC or INDIAN desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.  
Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.  
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Authorized Capital \$2,000,000  
Subscribed Capital \$2,000,000  
Paid-up Capital \$2,000,000  
Reserve Funds 3,877,047  
Life and Annuity Funds 17,567,230  
Sinking Fund Account 125,230  
TOTAL \$23,579,277  
Revenues Fire Branch 23,381,465  
Life and Annuity 5,141,593  
Revenues Marine Department 337,835  
Other Receipts 478,940  
TOTAL \$29,339,833

The accumulative funds of the various branches are carefully invested and the Agents of the Company are not allowed to meet the claims of the Company's business.

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HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG.

WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER.  
8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN' 5 A.M. 'KINSHAN'  
10 P.M. 'KINSHAN' 5 P.M. 'FATSHAN'

#### THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

8 A.M. 'FATSHAN' 5 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'  
10 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN' 5 P.M. 'KINSHAN'

Single Fare by Night Steamer \$ 6.00  
Return Fare by Night (available also for Return by day Steamer) 11.00  
Single Fare by Day Steamer 8.00  
Return Fare by Day Steamer 9.00

#### HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'TAISHAN' Tons 2000. S.S. 'SUI TAI' Tons 1681.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 A.M. and 3 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

Sunday, at 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 3 P.M. Sunday at 7.30 A.M. and 3 P.M.

#### EXCURSION TO MACAO

SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN,"

will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 8 A.M.

and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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“Superfine.”

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SEVERAL CHILDREN'S MODEL

MOTOR CARS

length about 5 feet.

These are first class models in appear-  
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Terms—Cash.

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## THE DIARY.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porce-  
lains, Embroideries, Curios etc. at  
Old Post Office Building.  
Legislative Council Meeting.  
4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C.  
ground; Volunteers v. R.G.A.  
5.15 p.m.—Lecture at Government  
House by Capt. Pelliot.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Dec. 22—  
11 a.m.—Meeting of the Licensing  
Board.  
SATURDAY, Dec. 23—  
9 a.m.—Auction of a Motor Cycle at  
Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
9 p.m.—Extra Performance of  
“Kismet.”  
SAT. 23, SUN. 24 & MON. 25—  
Bogey Competition at Fanling.  
SATURDAY, Dec. 24—  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s.  
“Taishan.”  
MONDAY, Dec. 25—  
Public Holiday.  
TUESDAY, Dec. 26—  
Public Holiday.  
10 a.m.—Winter “Bisley” at Stone-  
cutters.  
10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition  
at Fanling.  
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Salvaged Cargo ex  
s.s. “Wesley” at the T. K. W. &  
Godowns and Kowloon Godowns.  
THURSDAY, Dec. 28—  
4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C.  
ground; Volunteers v. 74th Punjab.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Chinese New Year Day falls on  
January 23rd.

A coolie was knocked down and  
injured severely by a passing train near  
Fanling station yesterday.

A silk hat and a silver-mounted  
Malacca cane were taken away in error  
from the University after the recent  
Congregation on December 14th, and  
if returned to the University will be  
restored to their owner.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice  
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs  
to acknowledge with thanks the follow-  
ing donations to the funds of the Hos-  
pitals—  
Lai Kwai Pui... \$50  
Chan Pih Chun... 50  
Tang Chi Ngang... 25

## THE “POLAYON” FIRE.

JUDGMENT BY THE MARINE  
COURT.

Commander Beckwith, R.N., at the  
Marine Court gave the Court's decision  
in the enquiry into the cause of the fire  
on the s.s. *Polayon* at Kowloon Dock on  
November 2nd. The Court was com-  
posed in addition to the President,  
Com. Gibson R.N., H.M.S. *Tamar*, Capt.  
H. W. Walker, master of the s.s. *Ki-  
kong*, and Mr. Jas. MacDonald, Govern-  
ment Marine Surveyor. The owners of  
the *Polayon* and the applicants for the  
enquiry are the Asiatic Petroleum Co.  
and that company was represented at the  
hearing of the case by Mr. F. C. Jenkin,  
instructed by Mr. Hooper, of Messrs.  
Johnston, Stokes and Master's office.  
The Dock Co. were represented by  
Mr. H. W. Looker of the firm of Messrs.  
Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston.  
The judgment of the Court was as  
follows—

We find that on the 2nd November  
1918 the British steamship *Polayon*,  
official No. 136,811, of London, was lying  
alongside the wharf of the Hong-  
kong and Whampoa Dock, Kowloon,  
for repairs. A fire broke out on board  
this ship at about 8 a.m. on the 2nd  
Nov. 1918.

We are of the opinion that the fire  
started in the engine room at the fan  
casing and ignited gases given off by  
kerosene from the tank at the fore-  
end of the store room. We find that  
through the conflicting and un-  
satisfactory nature of the evidence, it  
is impossible to form any definite  
conclusion as to the actual cause of the  
fire. The Court, however, is satisfied  
that the fire was not caused by either  
spontaneous combustion or an explosion  
mechanically produced. We also wish  
to add that there was no evidence of  
arson.

THE DOMINICAN MISSION IN THE  
FAR EAST.

## SEVENTH CENTENARY.

The Dominican Mission in the Far  
East celebrate their Seventh Centenary  
on the 22nd inst. The Order was  
recognized by Pope Honorius III on  
the 22nd December 1216. The cen-  
ter of the celebration is at Manila, where  
all the Bishops &c. from various  
Missions in the Far East will meet,  
including the Rev. Father F. R. Noyel,  
the Procurator in Hongkong, who left  
here last week to attend the celebration.

## GOLF.

## CANTON GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. W. D. Kraft has won the cham-  
pionship of the Canton (Tungshan) Golf  
Club beating S. R. Brown on the 36th  
green one up. Mr. Kraft has now won  
the Tungshan championship twice  
successively.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	12.30 p.m.
Indes Del.	138 1/2 buyers
China Sugars	130 sales
Malabons	37 buyers
Hongkong Dockers	130 sales
China Providents	8.80 sales
Cement	11.75 sales
Shai Cottons	11.10 sales
Yangtzepeas	6 sales

## WHOOPIING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping  
cough be careful to keep the  
cough looser and expectoration easy by  
may be required. This remedy will also  
liquify the tough mucus and make it  
easier to expectorate. It has been used  
successfully in many epidemics and as  
it contains no narcotic or other injurious  
substances it is perfectly safe. For sale  
by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

## BLINDED BY THE WAR.

## SIR ARTHUR PEARSON'S APPEAL.

There will, we believe, be a general  
desire in the Colony to contribute  
towards the fund for which Sir Arthur  
Pearson has made the appeal which  
the Eastern Telegraph Company has  
kindly transmitted to all parts of the  
Empire, and which was printed  
among our cables last night. We  
have been asked to open a Subscrip-  
tion List for the Fund. We need  
hardly remind our readers that the  
Hon. Treasurer of the General War  
Charities Fund is always open to  
receive subscriptions for any particu-  
lar charity, and we learn that several  
subscriptions have reached him in  
the course of the day for this particu-  
lar object.

One of our readers has kindly  
intimated his desire to contribute £10  
towards the Fund, and we shall be  
only too pleased to receive any  
further donations; and to pass them  
on to the Hon. Treasurer of the War  
Charities Fund for transmission to  
Sir Arthur Pearson.

The appeal made by Sir Arthur  
Pearson to the Press of the world is  
as follows—

I request you to ask your readers  
to send a New Year's gift to help  
the men blinded by the war.  
Their numbers are increasing very  
rapidly. I have nearly 800 learning  
to be blind and nearly 200  
more coming shortly from hospital.  
One hundred and sixty already  
taught to read Braille and to type-  
write are settled in useful and  
profitable occupation.

A large permanent fund is  
needed to ensure adequate super-  
vision and assistance to these and  
others following. The courage,  
determination and rapidity which  
is shown in overcoming the handi-  
cap is beyond all praise. I  
trust those possessing the inestim-  
able gift of sight will send a New  
Year thank-offering for the benefit  
of those who have given their eyes  
for the Empire.

The above is sent through the  
courtesy of the Eastern Telegraph  
Company.

ARTHUR PEARSON,

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London.LECTURES BY MR. DENMAN  
FULLER.

Mr. Denman Fuller will give a series  
of lectures, to which all are invited,  
on “Musical Appreciation” on Mondays,  
January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, at  
the Helena May Institute. A collection  
will be made at the conclusion of  
each lecture on behalf of the Fund  
for Blind Sailors and Soldiers.  
The object of the lectures will be to  
enable those present to obtain a deeper  
knowledge and appreciation of good  
music, particularly of the type less  
seldom heard. The compositions play-  
ed and explained at the first lecture  
(January 8th) will be *Ballade in F*,  
minor (Chopin), *Prelude and Fugue in*  
G sharp minor (Bach), *Sphinx* (Cyril  
Scott). At the last lecture Mr.  
Fuller will deal with pieces suggested to  
him by the audience.

By kind permission of H. E. Sir  
Henry May, Mr. Denman Fuller will  
give a Piano Recital in the Ball Room  
at Government House at the end of  
January, and at each of the four lectures  
he will refer to and speak of the prin-  
cipal works he will play at that Recital.

## WAR CHARITIES.

## A BRITISH TOTAL OF

\$250,000,000.

A recent London message says—  
A sum of \$250,000,000 was subscribed  
to war charity funds in the two  
years of war, including donations  
from the Dominions and Colonies.  
The total includes \$20,000,000 for  
the relief of distress, and the re-  
establishment of men returning to  
civil life, \$20,000,000 for the sick and  
wounded, \$80,000,000 for comfort and  
\$10,000,000 for assistance to the Allies.  
The Prince of Wales National Fund  
now totals \$6,000,000 of which three-  
fifths have been spent chiefly in  
meeting soldiers' allowances of which  
the War Office has delayed pay-  
ment. The comfort fund includes  
\$1,500,000 spent by the Y. M. C. A.,  
Church Army, and Salvation Army for  
the entertainment of fighting men in  
the training camps and abroad. The  
sum of \$2,000,000 was collected for  
Belgian relief. Half of this sum has  
been spent by the Neutral Commis-  
sion in Belgium and \$3,000,000 has  
been spent in feeding clothing and  
lodging Belgian refugees in Britain.

## A CANTON SENSATION.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR MURDERED  
IN THE STREET.

A sensation has been caused in Canton  
by the murder of a newspaper Editor in  
the public street after he had been  
dragged from his office by a gang, who  
subsequently represented that they were  
sent by some Military authority in the  
City.

The murdered man was Mr. Li Hui  
Cheun, Chief Editor of the *Nam Yuet Po*.  
What the reason for the murder was  
is not clear, but it is probably to be  
found either in the fact  
that the paper has been bold enough  
to denounce evil conduct on the part  
of the soldiers in the city; or, it  
may be due to the fact that the  
paper had taken up an attitude of  
hostility to the granting of gambling  
monopolies by the local government.

The gang of six men—four  
of whom wore long silk coats,  
the other two—wearing short  
coats—called at the office about 2 p.m.  
on the 17th inst. and asked to see the  
Chief Editor, with whom they  
wanted to “discuss some advertising  
question. Being admitted to Mr. Li's  
office, they dragged him into the  
street. Some of the staff followed and  
called the police, but the gang told the  
police that they were acting under  
instructions from the military authori-  
ties, and they would resent the inter-  
vention of the police. As they dragged  
their victim through the west gate a  
military officer in full uniform question-  
ed them, and on receiving a reply in a  
very low tone of voice, he allowed them  
to pass. When near a side-street the  
crowd which had followed were turned  
back, the gang pointing revolvers at them,  
and about as howler the news reached  
the office of the paper that the Editor  
had been shot in the street and that  
the murderers had fled.

A petition signed by the Editors of  
all the Canton papers has been presented  
to the authorities asking for the arrest  
of the murderers and for adequate  
measures to be taken to afford protection  
to the public against such outrages in  
the future.

JAPAN AND THE SOUTH SEA  
ISLANDS.

The following Tokyo message appears  
in American papers received by the last  
mail—

The Associated Press learns that Japan  
has agreed not to make a part of her  
peace conference demands the right to  
hold permanently the South Sea Islands,  
which were wrested from Germany at  
the outbreak of the war. Several of  
these islands, which belong to the Caro-  
line and Marianne groups, lie not far  
from the American island of Guam, the  
American terminus of the Pacific cable.  
It is understood that the United States  
has informally expressed a desire that  
these islands should not become the per-  
manent property of the Japanese Empire.  
Inasmuch as they were captured  
through the joint operations of the  
British and Japanese fleets, it is under-  
stood the United States first took up the  
question with Great Britain and that a  
joint suggestion was made by Great Bri-  
tain and the United States that Japan  
should not insist upon the permanent  
maintenance of the islands.

In view of Japan's promise to accede  
to the joint request it is believed likely  
that Japan at the peace conference will  
seek compensation in some other direc-  
tion, perhaps in the affirmation of her  
rights in the Chinese peninsula of Shan-  
tung, of which Kiao-chau is the great  
naval base.

The islands in question are now ad-  
ministered by the Japanese Government.

FILIPINO CLAIM AGAINST UNITED  
STATES.

## \$6,621,861 TAKEN FROM ISLANDS.

Representative Arroyo has presented  
a joint resolution asking the Congress  
of the United States to reimburse the  
Philippine Government in the sum of  
\$6,621,861.06, an amount which accord-  
ing to the author of the measure, was  
taken from the Philippine Government  
for military purposes and was spent for  
the Philippines. These expenses, the reports  
of the Secretary of Commerce and Police  
show, covered a period of nearly six  
years, from August, 1898 to June 30,  
1903.

Mr. Arroyo alleges that the above  
amount entirely spent by the United  
States Government for military pur-  
poses, has never been returned to the  
Philippine Islands in spite of the fact  
that such a return is justifiable. The  
maintenance of an army in the Philip-  
pines and the expenses incident to it  
are not the obligations of the Philippine  
Islands, and therefore, and therefore  
it behooves the latter to return to the  
insular government of the archipelago  
the money spent at the time mentioned.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

## (Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

## GAMBLING IN CANTON.

## PEKING, Dec. 19.

The Cantonese Anti-Gambling Society  
in the capital has wired to prominent  
Cantonese both in Shanghai and Canton  
inviting them to establish branches of  
the Society to carry on the propaganda  
against the revival of gambling in  
Canton.

## CHINA'S BUDGET DEFICIT.

## PEKING, Dec. 19.

The Budget deficit for the ensuing  
year is shown as \$140,000,000. It has  
been decided to cover it by an increase  
in the land tax.

JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN  
KWANGTUNG.

## PEKING, Dec. 19.

A Japanese financial syndicate  
known as the Hing Ah Co. and the  
Government of China have come to  
the following understanding—

1.—That in the event of China  
requiring funds for working the Siu-  
chow and Tungkwon mines (in  
Kwangtung), the first option shall  
be given to the Hing Ah Co.

2.—That the Government should  
pay three lakhs of dollars to the  
Company as compensation for the  
cancellation of the agreement signed  
on September 10th.

3.—That the Government will  
furnish other security for the money  
already advanced by the Company.

THE ROMANCE OF SURGERY AT  
CHANGSHA.

The following is reproduced from the  
Yale-in-China Quarterly—

It is pretty to hear our men and  
women nursing from Changsha tell of  
the impression made by a surgeon, Dr.  
Bromwell Branch, when this trained man  
struck the wilds of Changsha. As the  
writer understands it, Dr. Hume and  
Yen, during their years among the Chi-  
nese, have long done surgery and most  
difficult and varied surgery. They have  
had to do it often, especially in the early  
times, under the most awkward circum-  
stances and with poor facilities or none  
at all. The story of Hume's first opera-  
tion in the street with the patient resting  
on a box has often been told. But  
while they are skilled at the business,  
they are trained specifically to other  
lines of the profession and have done it  
because there was none else to do it.

This man Branch is one of John  
Hopkins' latest—Southern gentlemen,  
handsome as a Cavalier, one of the most  
popular men of his time at Baltimore,  
and skilled to the lance until the outbreak  
of the faculty could do no more for him.  
He then topped off with some private  
practice in Macon, Ga. and on Christmas  
Day, 1916, after a desperate journey in  
small boats from Hankow, he landed  
with his bride at the Provincial Capital.  
There was business awaiting him never-  
theless—a number of cases that could  
not be delayed. The whole staff gather-  
ed round—Dr. Hume and Yen, and the  
foreign trained Chinese physicians, and  
surgeons and nurses attached to the Yale  
plant on one hospital staff or another.

Branch's technique, they say, was a  
revelation and a joy for ever; the  
skill with the sure touch, the unerring  
skill with which this favorite pupil of  
the great surgeons of Baltimore laid  
open the tissues, and caught up a muscle  
here, a nerve there, and protected  
arteries, and cut out the offense, and  
bound up the patient—speeding one  
wonderful Chinaman off as another  
was brought in to the table—it must  
have been an impressive spectacle, as it  
was significant of better days for  
old China. The rapid work of this new-  
comer to Changsha especially command-  
ed attention; the marvellous skill with  
which any and all situations were dealt  
with by those wonder-fingers; fortunate  
who live within the Yalokian.

There is to be not one, but a staff of  
these surgeon-specialists at Yale if the  
funds are forthcoming. There is one now  
New Haven Hospital, thanks to Dr.  
Flint's interest. It is hoped he may be  
sent out next Fall. He is a former  
graduate. He studied five years at  
Cornell. He has been in a San Francisco  
hospital under the big fellows. He is a  
third-generation missionary. The young  
children at carpentry for many years  
vacations; and his specialty is bone sur-  
gery; the teachers noting that his skill  
at the trade equips him for fine work at  
the profession. Somehow as one looks  
over this deep-chested, clear-eyed youth,  
it seems as if the Yale man, or woman of  
means who gets the opportunity to  
finance this worker among the Chinese  
three poor human hearts of ours are  
capable of.

## RAILWAYS THAT WAR HAS MADE.

Describing the supply organization  
behind the French front, Mr. J. A.  
Sponder, in the Westminster Gazette, says  
leading to them are very often entirely  
new constructions for the purpose of the  
war. Scores of miles of new railway  
may be built for one operation, and the  
rapidity with which this work is carried  
out is one of the marvels of the war.  
Lines which would take a year or two  
years to build in time of peace are built  
in a month or two months in time of  
war. A whole new railway, eighty kilo-  
metres in length, and double-tracked,  
was laid at Verdun in ten weeks. It  
was laid along for half a mile, and it  
was as firm and solid as any other per-  
manent way.

## RESPONSIBILITY.

## WHO MADE THE WAR?

ANSWER TO GERMAN  
CHANCELLOR.

The following is a statement made to  
a correspondent of the *Russkoe Slovo*,  
Moscow, by M. Sazonoff, which has been  
widely discussed in the German press.  
This was one of the last public utter-  
ances of M. Sazonoff before retiring from  
office as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The substance and vehement tone of  
the latest declarations of the German  
Chancellor are explained when one re-  
members that Bethmann Hollweg had  
to defend his reputation as a statesman  
and his policies, not before some neutral  
audience, but against the rebukes and  
criticisms of his own fellow-country-  
men.

In an attempt to  
whitewash himself he has surpassed all  
that he ever said before. Thus, for in-  
stance, he does not hesitate to make the  
extraordinary statement that “England,  
France and Russia were closely united  
in an alliance against Germany.” In  
order to say such a thing one must  
be sure of one's audience. It is true  
that the Germans, on account of their  
military education, are capable of accept-  
ing collectively everything told them by  
their Government as a revelation from  
on high. Nevertheless, what the Chan-  
cellor dared to declare no literate man  
elsewhere in Europe would dare to  
claim. That there was no such alliance  
in existence between England, France  
and Russia is known to the Chancellor  
as well as to many others; but he thinks  
it unprofitable to confess it.

## ENGLAND.

As far as I am concerned, I was per-  
sonally always of the opinion that if  
Germany began a war in Europe for the  
establishment of her hegemony, Eng-  
land's participation in such a war would  
be inevitable. However, I was not so  
certain that England's entrance into it  
would take place immediately after Ger-  
many's attack upon France. The Chan-  
cellor permits himself to say that we,  
that is, France and Russia, would never  
have dared to accept Germany's chal-  
lenge for war had we not been assured  
of England's co-operation. But in reality  
the situation was exactly such as the  
Chancellor refuses to admit. Though  
loving peace and desirous of relieving  
the situation without bloodshed, France  
and Russia, nevertheless, had decided  
to resist Germany, and once for all to  
put an end to her habit of stopping on  
her neighbours' toes.

What happened then? As a result  
of Germany's clumsy diplomacy, the  
Entente Cordiale, with its loose form,  
has grown into a firm political alliance,  
bound together for many years with  
the object of defending the rights and  
interests of the Powers belonging to it,  
and to preserve peace in Europe.

## RUSSIA'S MOBILIZATION.

In addition to the many charges of  
the Chancellor, which are all reasonable  
for their fair faith, he also condemns  
Russia for “burdening her conscience  
with the guilt of a bloody crime by her  
“premature” mobilization.” Of course,  
the Chancellor did not consider it  
expedient to remember that the Russian  
mobilization took place after the full  
mobilization of the Austrian Army, and  
after the mobilization of a considerable  
part of the German Army.

The fact of the early mobilization  
order printed in the Russian official  
organ, the *Iskra*, is known to all,  
and although the copies of that  
paper were later torn by the police from  
the hands of the public, the fact remains  
a fact.

Ignoring the methods selected by the  
Chancellor in his self-defence, I am  
ready to admit that it is indeed possible  
that the Chancellor himself did not  
demand the war and was not even its  
immediate culprit. But, should we even  
admit such a possibility, that will  
only make it apparent that the war  
was sought and aimed at by his  
many official colleagues. The con-  
viction, firmly established in Europe,  
that the ultimatum to Serbia was work-  
ed out under the direct supervision of  
a German diplomat occupying a high  
post, and was immediately dispatched  
to the German Emperor for approval,  
passing the responsible decision of  
German politics, will not affect the fact  
that the Chancellor was not master in  
his own house. At the same time it  
is hard to entertain the thought that  
the Chancellor could remain completely  
outside the machinations of the enemies  
of peace in Europe, or that he could be  
entirely unaware of them.

## PLANS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Herr von Bethmann Hollweg fre-  
quently speaks with artificial satisfaction  
of what Germany has accomplished since  
the beginning of hostilities, and care-  
fully avoids mentioning the things  
Germany had definitely planned, and  
which still remain but a dream. A list  
of these unaccomplished things would  
prove, in comparison with that of the  
achievements, many times longer.

By no amount of ingenuity can the  
Chancellor ever succeed in proving that  
the war was caused by Russia or Eng-  
land. The war is exclusively the work  
of the Pan-Germanic cancer which has  
been eating into the bowels of Germany  
for years, and which has now reached  
her vital organs.  
To me, personally, it seems that at  
times both the Chancellor and von  
Jagow realized the danger hidden in  
that terrible malady, but neither of them  
had the courage to enter into a struggle  
against it. So long as Germany's neu-  
bours are not convinced that Pan-  
Germanism, in whose hands Prussian  
militarism is the chief instrument, has  
ceased to be a world menace, so long is  
peace impossible between the Allies and  
Germany.



(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The Board of Trade **Labour Gazette** states that the average retail food prices on November 1st were 6.5 per cent. higher than the prices a month earlier. The increases include 2.4 to 10 per cent. on fish 17 per cent. Potatoes are more than double the price they were a year ago. Compared with July 1914, prices have increased by 78.3 per cent.



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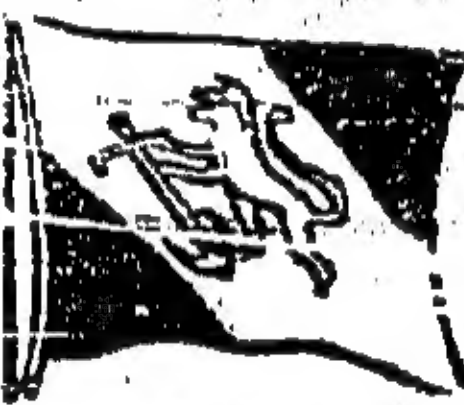
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HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 24, at 7 a.m.
* SHANGHAI	* KWONGSANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 28, Daylight
KORE & KOJI	* KWONGSANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 28, Daylight
SHANGHAI	* CHONGSANG	FRIDAY, Dec. 29, Daylight
* MANILA	* LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m.
* SANDAKAN	* HINSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 5, at Noon

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	KASHIMA MARU, Capt. K. Inada, Tons 21,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan. at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATON, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NAGOYA AND YOKOHAMA	SHIMIZUOKA MARU, Capt. Noma, Tons 12,900	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan. at Noon
	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. Kawashima, Tons 12,900	TUESDAY, 2nd Jan. at Noon
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURS. ISLAND, TOWNS, VILLE and HEBBARD	SMIHO MARU, Capt. E. Fukuda, Tons 6,900	TUESDAY, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.
	AKI MARU, Capt. E. Yoshikawa, Tons 12,800	TUESDAY, 18th Feb. at 11 a.m.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	TOKA MARU, Capt. O. Sakamoto, Tons 10,000	FRIDAY, 20th Dec.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, MALACCA and COLOMBO	YETOROFU MARU, Capt. B. Hirata, Tons 8,000	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Iwahara, Tons 12,800	THURSDAY, 11th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KIRIN MARU, Capt. T. Sakaki, Tons 8,000	THURSDAY, 21st Dec.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. S. Shimidzu, Tons 8,000	THURSDAY, 21st Dec.
KOBE	MOYOI MARU, Capt. M. Taniguchi, Tons 5,000	THURSDAY, 21st Dec.

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For further particulars, apply to  
R. V. D. FARR,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1916.

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA

## NOTION.

THE Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's steamer s.s. "TORI MARU" will be despatched by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha for Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Mexico Central and South American Ports, on FRIDAY the 19th January, at noon.

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The General Average Bond will require to be signed and deposited before counter-signature of Bills of Lading can be given.  
Goods not cleared by the 27th December at 5 P.M. will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs Goddard & Douglas on the 30th December at 10 A.M.  
Claims against the steamer for damage due to ordinary handling must be presented within 15 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

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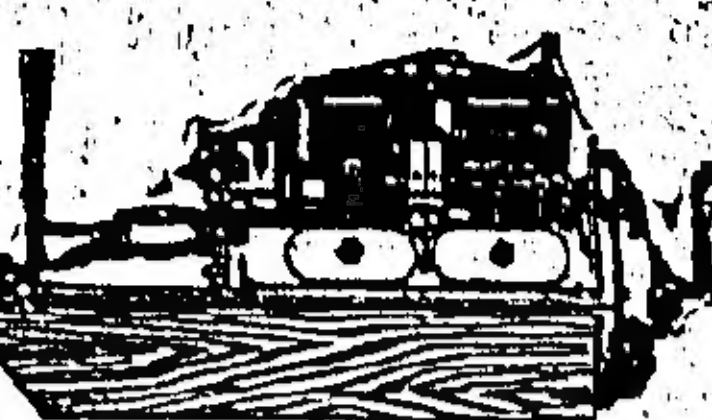
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## STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Other Ports.

**ARRIVALS.**  
December 20.  
Swimming, British steamer, 1,570, W. L. Jones, Shanghai December 17, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
Hokohu, British str., 860, R. Ritchie, Shanghai Dec. 16, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
Wollawa, British str., 1,336, B. W. S. Pritchard, Saigon Dec. 14, Rice and General.  
Drufar, Norwegian steamer, 1,102, N. Hjorth, Bangkok Dec. 9 and Swatow 19, General—Thoresen & Co.  
Uto, Norwegian str., 880, H. Aamott, Bangkok Dec. 8, Rice—Carnegie.  
Mexico Maru, Japanese str., 3,659, T. Yamaguchi, Tacoma via ports Nov. 17, General—O. S. K.  
Kwongkong, British str., 1,246, W. F. Richard, Shanghai Dec. 14, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
Kwongkong, British steamer, 1,460, R. Macfarlane, Chinwangtao Dec. 15, Coal—Dorwell & Co., Ltd.  
Chipping, British str., 1,159, F. E. Jarrett, Hongkong December 17, Coal—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
Japa Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,709, Yatsuyama, Chinwangtao Dec. 12, Coal—Dorwell & Co., Ltd.

**DEPARTURES.**  
December 20.  
Standard Arrow, for Swatow.  
Hia Fung, for Canton.  
Trigon, for Palembang.  
Kueichow, for Tientsin and Weihaiwei.  
Carmarthenshire, for Shanghai & Vladivostok.  
Donax, for Balikpapan.  
Kaitlight, for Hongkong.  
Managosa, for Saigon.  
Kwongkong, for Shanghai.  
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**PASSENGERS.**  
**ARRIVED:**  
Per Sunning, from Shanghai, Miss V. B. Knight, Mr. J. Parsons, Mr. G. Knox, Mr. W. & Kluse.  
Per Mento Maru, from Tacoma, etc., Mr. Geo. E. Whitman.  
**DEPARTED:**  
Per Tenyo Maru, for San Francisco, etc., Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Arnold and infant, Miss A. Allen, Miss M. Barlow, Mrs. M. L. Bettis, Miss Mildred Baer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barrills, Mr. and Mrs. J. James Clark, Mr. Compton, Mr. Pedro Coleto, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fahy, Miss C. Fahy, Mr. O. Freeman, Mrs. Clara A. Funk, Miss Olga Felber, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, Mr. H. Hawkins, Mr. R. Johnson, Mrs. Wm. E. Kurtz, Mrs. H. Ligger, Mr. E. M. Llorente, Mr. M. M. M. Fringale, Major and Mrs. B. H. Ray, Mr. A. B. Stoutenburgh, Miss M. Stearns, Mr. J. A. Slater, Mrs. C. E. Webb and 2 children, Mr. N. J. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. J. Merrill and 2 children, Mr. Pedro Francisco, Mr. Joaquin Ungco.

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Ships in communication with Cape D'Acular Radio Telegraph Station—  
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EUROPE (via NEAPOLIS)—Per steamer Japan, Dec. 21.  
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SWATOW & BANGKOK.  
Per Haidia, at 5 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
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Per Hokohu, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
BANGKOK.  
Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
HONGKONG & HAIPHONG.  
Per Hongkong, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
STRAITS & INDIA VIA CALCUTTA.  
Per Sunning, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
CHINWANGTAO.  
Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.  
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SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA KOBE.  
(Europe via Siberia).  
Per Armand Belin. Registration at 415 p.m. Letters at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.  
(Shanghai Chl. P.O., Monday, 25th Dec.)  
SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW.  
Per Haidia, at 11 a.m. on Friday, the 22nd Dec.  
SAIGON.  
Per Haidia, at 2 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd Dec.  
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA, MACASSAR, BALEK, PAPUA & PORT MORESBY (via Batavia).  
Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.  
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Per Haidia, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.  
HAIPHONG.  
Per Haidia, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.  
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.  
Per Haidia, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.  
SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.  
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CHINWANGTAO.  
Per Japa Maru, at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 24th Dec.  
SWATOW.  
Per Haidia, at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 24th Dec.  
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND & NEW GUINEA VIA THURSDAY ISLAND.  
Per Eastern, at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.  
HOHLOW & HAIPHONG.  
Per Haidia, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
Per Japa Maru, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.  
SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.  
Per Sunning, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.  
SWATOW, AMOI & FORMOSA VIA KEELUNG.  
Per Amazona Maru, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th Dec.  
STRAITS, CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN & UNITED KINGDOM.  
Per Japa Maru. Registration at 815 a.m. Letters at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

## Mails will close for—

SWATOW &amp; BANGKOK.

Per Haidia, at 5 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.

AMOI &amp; SHANGHAI &amp; NORTH CHINA.

Per Hokohu, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.

BANGKOK.

Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.

HONGKONG &amp; HAIPHONG.

Per Hongkong, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.

STRAITS &amp; INDIA VIA CALCUTTA.

Per Sunning, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.

CHINWANGTAO.

Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st Dec.

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SHANGHAI &amp; NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA KOBE.

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SAIGON.

Per Haidia, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Per Japa Maru, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

HAIPHONG.

Per Haidia, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

SWATOW, SHANGHAI &amp; NORTH CHINA.

Per Haidia, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

SHANGHAI &amp; NORTH CHINA.

Per Haidia, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

CHINWANGTAO.

Per Japa Maru, at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 24th Dec.

SWATOW.

Per Haidia, at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 24th Dec.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND &amp; NEW GUINEA VIA THURSDAY ISLAND.

Per Eastern, at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

HOHLOW &amp; HAIPHONG.

Per Haidia, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Per Japa Maru, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

SHANGHAI &amp; NORTH CHINA.

Per Sunning, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOI &amp; FORMOSA VIA KEELUNG.

Per Amazona Maru, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th Dec.

STRAITS, CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN &amp; UNITED KINGDOM.

Per Japa Maru. Registration at 815 a.m. Letters at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOI &amp; FOCHOW.

Per Haidia, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C., VANCOUVER, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL SOUTH AMERICA &amp; UNITED KINGDOM VIA CANADA.

(Europe via Siberia).

Per Armand Belin. Registration at 415 a.m. Letters at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

(Shanghai Chl. P.O., Saturday, 30th Dec.)

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA MOI, VICTORIA &amp; TACOMA.

Per Japa Maru. Registration at 1215 p.m. Letters at 1 p.m. on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT &amp; EUROPE.

Per Japa Maru. Registration at 1015 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m. on Friday, the 29th Dec.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday, the 28th Dec. at 5 p.m.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 20th at 11.15—Pressure has increased slightly in all districts, except from the Bonins to central Japan where it has decreased slightly. It is lowest to the north of Borneo.  
An anticyclone is developing over China.

Fresh monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 21st December:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

## OFFICIAL NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of December, 1916:—

Date	Ends	Begins
Dec. 20th	6.45 a.m.	5.55 p.m.
" 21st	6.45 "	5.55 "
" 22nd	6.45 "	5.55 "
" 23rd	6.45 "	5.55 "
" 24th	6.47 "	5.57 "
" 25th	6.48 "	5.58 "
" 26th	6.48 "	5.58 "
" 27th	6.48 "	5.58 "
" 28th	6.49 "	5.59 "
" 29th	6.49 "	5.59 "
" 30th	6.50 "	6.00 "
" 31st	6.50 "	6.00 "

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Barometer at Sea Level.

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Humidity.

Direction.

Force.

Weather.

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